

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Tuesday 5 May 1981, commencing at 10.00 am.

PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall (in the chair), and Messrs M. Stuckey, I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake and S. Lyttle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D.J. Dobson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT: Before opening the business of the Meeting, the President said that he had after full consideration of all the facts decided that he was in the position of having to sell his beekeeping business. Whilst he would remain a member of the Association, as he would not be a commercial beekeeper he felt he should resign from the Executive.

The Members of the Committee were unanimous in their support for Mr Marshall continuing to the end of his term in 1982. Mr Marshall thanked the Executive for their confidence in him but made it clear that he would not stand as President next year.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: As the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3 and 4 December 1980 had been circulated it was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 and 4 December 1980 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of that Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 1. Insurance on Bees

It was reported that a letter had gone out from the Association informing Hive Levy payers of the South British Insurance Company's Beekeepers' Insurance.

To allow follow up of these letters the South British Insurance Company had requested a copy of the roll of Hive Levy payers so that their agents could visit these people.

It was agreed that in this particular case to enable the Company to carry out its job effectively that this should be allowed and it was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Lyttle that a copy of the roll of Hive Levy payers be made available to the South British Insurance Company.

Carried

The Secretary indicated that the Company had made it very clear that it would not allow the roll to be used for any other purpose.

2. New Branches

The Secretary reported that both the Marlborough and Poverty Bay Branches were now in existence but to date no comment had been received from the Southern/Central Hawkes Bay Branch regarding its future amalgamation with another Branch.



MATTERS ARISING FROM  
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3. Rural Bank

The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made for Rural Bank officers to attend a meeting on 27 April but because of the change of the meeting date the appropriate personnel were not available. Arrangements have been made for officers of the Rural Bank to attend the meeting at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture

A letter was received from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture stating that it would be reviewing the National Diploma in Beekeeping in the near future. Information was also provided in order to assist in the application to the Technical Correspondence Institute for a suitable course for apiary operators.

After some discussion on this matter it was moved Mr Stuckey, seconded Mr Clissold that a sub-Committee consisting of Mr Berry and Mr Cloake, together with a Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Technical Correspondence Institute representative be set up to look into tertiary education.

Carried

2. Account with the Honey Marketing Authority

An account for \$477.50 from the Honey Marketing Authority for sending out a circular to Hive Levy payers had been refused payment by the Association. However, after fully investigating the matter, it was agreed that there was some doubt as to the decision as to who would pay for the distribution of this newsletter and it was resolved that the National Beekeepers' Association pay the account for \$477.50 to the Honey Marketing Authority.

This particular newsletter set out the terms of reference for arbitration and was compiled by the solicitors of the interested parties.

3. Importation of honey from Nuie

A letter was received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that as a result of recent checks on the state of bee health in Nuie and on Tonga it had been decided to again allow the entry of table grade (unheated) table honey. The entry was still subject to an export certificate issued by the Nuie authorities.

4. Letter from Ms Philippa Gerard

A letter of thanks to the Association for its contribution to Ms Gerard's research work together with a report on her work was tabled.



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5. Export Incentives

In answer to a letter from the Association requesting information on export incentives for bulk lines and honeydew honey and packed lines of the same, a very voluminous document was received from the Department of Trade and Industry. The covering letter set out briefly the eligibility for export performance taxation incentives and the increased exports taxation incentive. The letter indicated that all natural honey extracted in retail packs, comb in retail packs and honeydew in retail packs were eligible for export performance taxation incentives. However, it pointed out that all honey products including bulk lines were eligible for the promotion export incentives, the export market development incentive and the export programme grant scheme. Information on all these schemes was attached to the letter and it was agreed that copies of this should be made available to any interested beekeeper at a cost of \$2.50 plus postage. It should however be pointed out that the information is available from any office of the Department of Trade and Industry.

6. Pesticides Board

A letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the present members of the Agricultural Chemicals Board would remain in office until such time as their successors were appointed was received.

7. Labelling of pesticide containers

A considerable amount of correspondence had been going backwards and forwards regarding the labelling of insecticide containers and the Registrar of Agricultural Chemicals had agreed to hold a meeting between members of the staff of the Agricultural Chemicals Board, officers of the Apiary Section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr Clinch from the Animal Research Centre at Wallaceville and an invitation was extended to Mr Marshall and other members of the Association to be present at such a meeting.

The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the whole question of labelling of insecticide containers and to overcome problems which still exist in this area.

It was resolved that Mr Marshall and Mr Berry be appointed to attend this meeting with the Agricultural Chemicals Board. The Secretary was to make this known to the Registrar of the Board and to confirm a meeting date.

8. Nut Grove Project

A letter from Mr Selby Gouldstone set out a request for contributions from the Association to the Nut Grove Project.



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It was agreed that this information should be published in the journal and any beekeeper wishing to make a contribution could do so.

9. Trade & Industry Department Tenders

The North Otago Branch of the Association made the Secretary aware of an advertisement in the Otago Daily Times on Tuesday 3 February advertising import licences tendering scheme and calling for tenders. It was noted by that Branch that natural honey was one of the items for which tenders had been called and the Branch requested that the Secretary take up the matter with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Secretary advised that he had taken the matter up with Mr Walton who had already informed the Department of Trade and Industry of the error and had had honey withdrawn from the tender list.

10. Retirement of Mr William Ashcroft

A short note was received from Mr W.J.C. Ashcroft of Havelock North indicating that he was retiring from the beekeeping industry and wishing the Association all the best for the future.

11. Technical Correspondence Institute

A letter had been forwarded to the Technical Correspondence Institute requesting that a programme of tertiary education be set up with the Institute for operators in the industry.

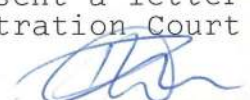
The Secretary reported that prior to the meeting he had had no response to his letter and on phoning the Institute was able to get a verbal reply of interest in the programme. This will be one of the subjects covered by the Education Sub-Committee.

12. Industry Workshop

The correspondence relating to the Industry Workshop was tabled and a general discussion took place regarding the appropriateness of such a workshop in the future. It was generally agreed that a workshop followed by a seminar prior to the Industry Conference would give a suitable opportunity for a larger number of people to be involved in the discussion on the future of the beekeeping industry.

13. New Zealand Food Processing and Chemical Union

In response to the circular sent to Hive Levy payers regarding approaches from the above Union, Mr R. Davidson sent a letter outlining a decision of the Arbitration Court on





23 November 1972. This decision was that beekeepers did not have to join any Union but honey processors did.

The Executive instructed the Secretary to forward this letter to Branches and to check the matter with the Department of Labour.

14. A letter was received from a Dutch person interested in coming to New Zealand to take up beekeeping. It was agreed that this should be placed in the journal.

1. Accounts paid for approval

Accounts for the period 1 December 1980 to 30 April 1981 were tabled for approval, the total outgoings being \$15,538.60, of which the journal payments contributed \$6,452 and the fee to the Pork Industry Council \$5,593.

After clarification of some accounts, it was moved Mr Clissold, seconded Mr Cloake that the accounts for the period 1 December 1980 to 30 April 1981 amounting to \$15,538.60 be passed for payment.

2. Hive Levy contribution to the Association

In light of the likely rundown in the Association's funds as a result of the 1981 projected expenditure, it was recommended that the Association should apply for a greater amount from the Hive Levy Fund. Over recent years a sum of \$20,000 has been approved by the Minister for use by the Association and it was recommended that a sum of \$22,000 should be applied for this year.

It was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Cloake that the Association apply to the Minister of Agriculture for a contribution of \$22,000 from the Hive Levy Fund for 1981.

Carried

3. Audit Report

The report from the Auditor was tabled and in this he commented on minor discrepancies in the balancing of the books which on full investigation had shown to have no material effect on the final accounts.

The Secretary assured the Executive that full internal audit procedures had been instituted to ensure that the books of account were up to the standard required by the Auditor.

4. "Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand"

The Auditor recommended that because the stocks of 'Nectar and Pollen Sources' would not run out for some years and possibly that some books may not even be sold, that a more realistic value should be placed on this stockholding.

The Executive accepted the Auditor's recommendation and steps will be taken to place a more



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realistic value on all stocks of "Nectar and Pollen Sources".

The Executive also requested that a note be placed in the journal bringing to the notice of beekeepers the availability of this booklet and more particularly to interest overseas buyers.

5. Library

The Auditor suggested that the library appeared to be valued at a much higher figure than the books could be sold for and suggested that a fixed figure of \$200 be used as a valuation for the library and that all new books be treated as expenditure.

Members of the Executive agreed with the principle but felt that some of the books were very valuable and that a figure of \$200 would not be a realistic value of the books, and suggested that the value of the library be set at a fixed figure of \$500.

6. Cheque signing authority

The Auditor recommended that a member of the Executive should sign cheques of the Association. However because of the logistical problems in doing so, the Executive did not agree with this recommendation but did accept that the Secretary's signature should appear as often as possible on cheques drawn.

7. Minute Book

The Auditor recommended that the Minutes should be pasted into a book so that pages could not be removed or replaced.

The Executive was satisfied with the way in which the Minute Book was being kept but recommended that the President should initial each page of the Minutes to ensure security.

It was moved Mr Lyttle, seconded Mr Clissold that the Auditor's report be received and noted.

Carried

EXPORTS OF HONEY:

As a result of discussions between the Secretary and the Import Export Corporation, Mr Brian Strachan from the Import Export Corporation attended the Meeting at 11.30 am. He briefly outlined the activities of the Corporation and ways in which it might be able to help the industry in exporting honey with particular reference to smaller producers who may not be able to carry this out in their own right but if part of a parcel organised by the Export Import Corporation could receive benefits from this sort of activity.

1981 ELECTION:

It was noted that Messrs Stuckey and Berry are the retiring North Island members to come up for re-election and Mr S.J. Lyttle, the retiring South Island representative. These three members





indicated their willingness to stand for re-election if nominated.

It was recorded that nomination forms would be mailed out to all members on Friday 15 May, that nominations closed on Friday 10 June at 5 pm, voting papers would be mailed out by Friday 19 June and the counting of votes would be carried out at 9.00 am on Monday 13 July.

ARBITRATOR'S REPORT:

The report from Mr D.H. Kay, the Arbitrator, had been received and circulated to all Executive Committee members and a copy had since been forwarded to all Branches.

Mr Stuckey reported on the Honey Marketing Authority's assessment of the Arbitrator's report and the Authority had taken action in putting a price on the assets which it held in the South Island for sale to the proposed Co-operative. The H.M.A. indicated however that it would not be offering the Auckland building to the Co-operative and that this would be put up for public sale.

Mr Stuckey also indicated that the Authority would be prepared to lend moneys realised from the sale of assets to the Co-operative at the interest rates recommended by the Arbitrator, the detail of which had yet to be decided.

Mr Lyttle indicated that the Co-operative Steering Committee was willing to work within the guidelines set down by the Arbitrator and the Honey Marketing Authority. Work was currently being carried out to set out the viability of the Co-operative proposal and this would be examined by Mr D.H. Kay before the Authority would agree to enter into any sale negotiations with the proposed Co-operative Steering Committee.

With reference to any funds which may be available to the industry, the Executive discussed the possibility of setting up a trust within the industry to administer these funds. It was recommended that a legal opinion should be sought on the formation of a trust and the appointment of trustees and that Mr D.H. Kay also be consulted regarding the practicalities of setting up such a trust, particularly from the point of view of taxation.

It was resolved that the report from the Arbitrator on the H.M.A. assets be received.

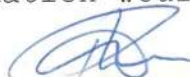
GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Life Members

The Secretary was requested to circulate Branches requesting that they forward the names of proposals for Life Membership to the Association prior to the Conference.

2. 1981 Industry Conference

Mr Clissold reported that arrangements were well under way for the Conference and that the appropriate information would be made



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available for the June journal. A short circular would also be sent to the Branches from the Association confirming dates and venues.

3. Rail charges from the South Island to the North Island

Mr Bray requested that the Association take up the matter of the recent rail charges increase with the Minister of Railways to see if some relief cannot be obtained under the regional development policy set down in 1973.

The Executive agreed that the Secretary look further into this matter.

4. Raw sugar

Mr Bray requested that the Executive look into the question of being able to import bulk raw sugar from Australia. Members of the Executive were doubtful that this would be a possibility but asked the Secretary to investigate the matter further.

5. Far North Branch

Mr Stuckey reported that he had recently attended the annual meeting of the Far North Branch and had been requested by Branch members to ask the Executive if it would be possible to have an Associate - Member classification. A number of beekeepers in the Far North were not members of the Association and were in a situation where they were not able to afford to belong to the Association. Branch members were concerned that these people should be kept within the orbit of Branch activities so that the whereabouts of their hives was known and that some form of Associate-Membership would be appropriate for this purpose. This matter had been raised by the Branch and considered by the Association twelve months ago and the Executive considered that a Club could be formed in association with the Branch meeting on the same days and the Club could charge whatever fee it wanted for membership.

The Secretary was asked to write accordingly to the Far North Branch.

6. Mr Cliff Van Eaton

Mr Clissold requested that the Secretary write to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries through Mr Walton thanking the Ministry for the opportunity to have Mr Van Eaton employed in New Zealand and requesting that an opportunity be made for his re-employment in New Zealand.





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7. Minutes to the Canterbury Committee

A request had been received from the Canterbury Committee that six more copies of the Minutes be provided for Committee members.

8. Foot and Mouth Disease

Mr Cloake outlined how potentially serious an outbreak of foot and mouth disease was to beekeepers, particularly where it involved loss of income due to lack of access and restriction of movement. He cited a situation where hives could be within a restricted area and be unable to be attended by the beekeeper at that time and depending on the time of the year could result in the loss of hives.

The Secretary was requested to take this matter up with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with a view to bringing down some policy in relation to beekeepers.

9. Queen breeding programme


Mr Cloake reported to the Executive the preliminary discussions which he has held with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries personnel in developing a Queen breeding programme. He suggested that a Sub-Committee should be set up to work alongside the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in developing this programme.

It was resolved that Mr Lyttle and Mr Cloake form a Sub-Committee to work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to bring down recommendations for a Queen breeding improvement programme.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting would be Monday 20 July in Queenstown.

As there was no further business the Meeting concluded at 4.15 pm.

  
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Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR DECEMBER 1980 & JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH  
AND APRIL 1981

159111	A.D. Warren	\$76.00	Contributor payment
12	Reimbursement petty cash	18.60	
13	Waterloo Hotel	293.05	Exec.Comm. accommodn.
14	Madison Printing Co. Ltd	157.20	Hive Levy Decln.Forms
15	Agricultural Press	1,407.60	Editorial fee etc. December journal
16	M. Stuckey	25.20	Expenses
17	Pork Industry Council	2,799.31	Fee, tolls, postages etc.
18	I. Berry	20.00	Expenses
19	Air New Zealand (Bulkair)	900.00	
20	AM International	19.30	Addressograph plates
21	Gordon & Gotch	10.00	Refund cancelled sub.
22	Massey University	200.00 ✓	Research grant
23	P. Gerard	250.00 ✓	" "
24	Agricultural Press	1,951.10 ✓	Printing, postage Dec. journal, tolls, plate advtg. comm.
25	B. Clothier	76.50 ✓	Photography
26	Pork Industry Council	40.04 ✓	Tolls, Stationery
27	A. Matheson	101.00 ✓	Contributor payment
28	D. Williams	20.00 ✓	" "
29	P.H. Andrews	15.00 ✓	" "
30	N. Wallingford	23.00 ✓	" "
31	T.G. Bryant	55.00 ✓	" "
32	J. Finlay	15.00 ✓	" "
33	P.W. Marshall	343.75 ✓	Tolls
34	AM International	21.76 ✓	Addressograph plates
35	Agricultural Press Co.	1,768.72 ✓	Editorial fee March journal, Typesetting, travel exps., Postage
36	G. Walton	30.00 ✓	Contributor payment
37	A.D. Warren	36.00 ✓	" "
38	Pork Industry Council	2,794.95 ✓	Fee, postage, Xerox, stationery
39	AM International	24.14 ✓	Addressograph plates
40	Ryder-Lewis & Grant & Co.	648.25 ✓	Audit fee
41	J.A. McKay	72.00 ✓	Letterheads
42	Agricultural Press Co.	1,326.13 ✓	Printing March journa tolls, courier, posta

\$15,538.60



Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in Room 401, Lakeland Inn, Queenstown, on Monday 20 July 1981, commencing at 10.00 am.

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PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall (in the chair), Messrs M. Stuckey, I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake, S. Lyttle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D.J. Dobson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 May 1981 had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 5 May 1981 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the Meeting, except that the word "unheated" under Correspondence, item 3, be confirmed as the correct word.

- MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:
1. Amalgamation of Central/Southern Hawkes Bay Branch  
  
The Secretary reported that Mr James Ward had indicated to him that he would be having discussions with the Hawkes Bay Branch regarding the amalgamation of their Branch with the Hawkes Bay Branch.  
  
Mr Ian Berry reported that the Hawkes Bay Branch had had preliminary discussions with Mr Ward and that the amalgamation would take effect after the annual meetings.
  2. South British Insurance  
  
The question of insurance for European Brood Disease only was questioned and the Secretary was asked if it would be possible for beekeepers to take out this insurance without having to take out other forms of insurance with the Company as well.
  3. Chemical Workers' and Food Processors' Union  
  
It appeared that an Arbitration Court decision had been made regarding the inclusion of people involved in honey packing under the Chemical Workers' and Food Processors' Union.  
  
It was agreed that the Secretary should confirm this and then write to all hive levy payers suggesting that as this decision had been made it would be appropriate for employers to make the necessary arrangements with that Union for their employees.
  4. Rail charges  
  
The Secretary confirmed that he had had discussions with the Railways Department regarding the freight rates by rail for honey. As a result of these discussions

he had written to the Department of Trade and Industry asking for assistance under the Regional Development Programme by which the total distance travelled from the North Island and the South Island was added rather than being taken as two separate journeys. He was also able to confirm that honey was in Class D and had been subjected to a 25% increase in freight charges as from May.

5. Pesticides Board

Mr Berry reported on a meeting which he and Mr Marshall and Mr Dobson had attended with the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries and the Registrar and Secretary of the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

He said that this meeting had formulated what was considered to be more suitable wording to be placed on containers and that all chemicals had been classified according to their toxicity to bees. He said he thought the meeting had been very useful and would be helpful to beekeepers.

1. Fumigation Regulations

The Secretary reported that there had been an amendment to the Fumigation Regulations from the Health Department and that Mr Berry and Mr Marshall had been through this and an appropriate letter covering various aspects of the Regulations as they affect beekeepers had been sent to the Health Department.

The main areas of concern were:

- (a) the definition of "unauthorised persons" and the possibility of including beekeepers under the commercial grower category
- (b) the arrangements made for training beekeepers to obtain a certificate of competence
- (c) notification of fumigation
- (d) the necessity to have the person to be on duty at all times when the room or area is being fumigated.

A request has been made to the Health Department to have one of their staff available for the next Executive Committee Meeting to discuss any matters pertinent to beekeepers.

2. Letter from Honeydew Association to the Minister of Trade & Industry

A letter had been received from the Honeydew Association requesting support from the National Beekeepers' Association in its efforts to have alterations made to the Export Incentive schemes which had recently



been changed. The Secretary was asked to write to the Honeydew Association indicating that the National Beekeepers' Association would lend support to their submission and requesting advice of the outcome of their current submissions.

3. Annual Report - Honeydew Association

The Annual Report of the Honeydew Association was tabled and received.

The question was asked whether or not some parts of it should be included in the National Beekeepers' Association's Annual Report for 1981. It was suggested that this matter be discussed with any representatives from the Association during the Conference.

4. Registration under the Food Hygiene Regulations

A letter had been received from Gavin's Apiaries Ltd in which they expressed concern at the high registration fee they had had to pay for their extraction shed and packing facilities. A figure of \$60 per building was quoted and this seems substantially higher than fees being paid by members in other local body areas.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr Gavin suggesting that he check the classification of his premises and to see if there was any difference in charges between various classifications of premises.

5. Honey Marketing Authority - Resolution of 27/28 April

The resolution of the Honey Marketing Authority relating to the disposal of its assets which was made at its meeting of 27 and 28 April was tabled as this had been quoted in the remit dealing with this matter for the Annual Conference.

It was resolved that this letter be received

6. Taxation on Trust Funds

A letter had been received from Mr D.H. Kay setting out the taxation provisions for trust funds and pointing out that it was most unlikely that the Association would be able to avoid tax by placing any of its assets into a trust fund. Mr Kay also confirmed that any monies placed in a No. 2 account with the National Beekeepers' Association would also be subject to tax. It would appear that the most satisfactory way of avoiding tax was through a Statutory Board and that there may be some good reason for maintaining the Honey Marketing Authority on paper with a modified Board to

administer any funds arising in the future.

7. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture re the importation of pollen

A letter had been received from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries stating that they would possibly be giving approval to the importation of pollen to assist a company called Healtheries to produce pollen tablets for re-export.

As a result of this letter a number of producers in the Hawkes Bay area had had discussions with Healtheries and it would appear that a satisfactory price had been agreed and that some Hawkes Bay and Bay of Plenty producers would be producing pollen for the company in the near future.

The Executive reiterated its concern at any approval given to the importation of pollen or any bee products in view of the high health status of the New Zealand beekeeping industry and our present standing in this regard.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

8. Letter to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries regarding movement control and its effect on beekeepers during outbreaks of exotic disease.
9. Letter to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries regarding the re-employment of Mr Cliff Van Eaton in New Zealand.
10. Letter to the Department of Trade & Industry regarding the importation of raw sugar directly from Australia.
11. Letter to the Department of Trade & Industry regarding a reduction in rail freight rates under the Regional Development Scheme.
12. Letter to the Post Office regarding the production of a stamp depicting a bee to recognise the centenary of beekeeping in New Zealand.

FINANCE:

1. Accounts for payment

Accounts totalling \$10,603.69 were presented for approval. There was some discussion on the amount of \$240.00 being paid to Apimondia and the Secretary was asked to check to see how this amount was made up.

It was resolved that the payment of accounts totalling \$10,603.69 be approved.

2. Income and Expenditure Account for the six months ended 30 June 1981

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period to 30 June was presented on an accrual basis to give a better indication to



the Committee of the actual state of the accounts. On this basis of accounting and taking only \$10,000 of the hive levy into account, the deficiency for the year stood at \$5,375. On the income side, a contribution from Mr Berry was acknowledged and the expenses also included an extraordinary payment of \$477 to the Honey Marketing Authority for the cost of a newsletter.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr Percy Berry indicating that his donation would be used to open an education fund.

3. Hive Levy receipts to date

The Secretary reported that a total of \$33,356.66 had been received to 16 July by way of hive levy. There were still four outstanding accounts, two of the people involved had indicated that they would be paying and as yet there had been no response from the other two. It was intended to place these two overdue accounts in the hand of our solicitor for recovery.

In the discussion on hive levy payments, it was indicated that Life Members were sometimes missing from rolls as they were not hive levy payers and the Secretary was asked to ensure that all Life Members were kept in a special section of the roll. He was also asked to check that addressograph plates were kept in the same order as the roll so that envelopes could be easily run off for hive levy payers within each Branch.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

It was moved Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Lyttle that the Meeting move into Committee to discuss Life Memberships. Carried

It was moved Mr Clissold, seconded Mr Cloake that the Meeting come out of Committee. Carried

CONFERENCE REMITS:

There was a brief discussion on the Conference remits. The Committee agreed that the order of remits was satisfactory. It was agreed that if Remit 11 was taken it would satisfy the requirement of Remit 10.

REPORT FROM  
MR TREVOR BRYANT:

Mr Bryant reported on a number of matters related to his recent visit to Canada and he suggested that there would be some advantage in all areas of the industry supporting a visit from Dr Cameron Jay to New Zealand. Dr Jay is involved in research into pollination and bee orientation and Mr Bryant considered that this would be a useful area of research in New Zealand, particularly in relation to orchards and kiwifruit pollination. Dr Jay is due to take sabbatical leave next year and would be prepared to come to New Zealand if some contribution towards the cost of his travel and research could be met while in New Zealand.

Mr Bryant also reported on a market in the United States for queen bees from recorded stock and the need to identify strains within New Zealand. He also reported on education requirements and the interest in setting up some type of course at the Telford Farm School.

Mr Bryant visited Israel and reported on a market for honey in that country.

He also reported that Mr Paul Powlowski, the General Manager of the Alberta Honey Producers Co-operative Ltd, would be visiting New Zealand next January and February and would be available for discussions with producers.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr Cloake, seconded by Mr Clissold that the Association supports in principle the concept of being a contributor to the expenses of an overseas visitor.

Carried

There was also some discussion with Mr Bryant on developing some form of exchange between Canada and New Zealand but it was apparent that immigration regulations between the two countries still made this difficult.

Mr Clissold reported on the success of the Youth Exchange scheme in which he had been involved and questioned whether or not this could be a satisfactory way of developing the exchange.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Education

The Secretary reported that he had had further discussions with Mr Hardy of the Technical Correspondence Institute and that a draft of a letter to the Director of Continuing Education had been prepared and this would probably need now to be discussed with the Education Sub-Committee.

2. Cassette Library

Mr Cloake reported that Mr Chris Dawson was no longer able to operate the cassette library and requested that this be handed over to some other interested person. It was considered that the Conference be made aware of this and a request be made for someone to take it over.

It was moved Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Lyttle that Mr Dawson's letter be received and that a letter of thanks be sent to him for his work in setting up the cassette library.

Carried

3. Delegate notification

Not all Branches had notified their Delegates to the Secretary prior to the Conference. As there is no requirement



in the rules to have the name in 14 days prior to the Conference it was suggested that the form be reworded but that emphasis be placed on the necessity for Branches to notify their Delegates prior to the Conference.

4. Meeting to discuss remits

It was suggested that the Committee meet at the conclusion of the Conference each day to discuss the remits and action that should be taken on them.

5. Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 30 September and Thursday, 1 October in Wellington.

6. Thanks from President

Mr Marshall thanked the Executive for the support they had given him during his term of presidency, stating that it had been a very difficult time for the industry and whilst there had been differing opinions within the Committee when it came to making decisions he felt he had had the full support of the whole Committee.

Mr Stuckey replied thanking Mr Marshall for the work he had done for the industry and this was agreed by all Committee members.

As there was no further business the Meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

.....*W.A. Marshall*.....  
Signed

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) and the Conference of Delegates held in the Conference Room of the Lakeland Inn Hotel, Queenstown, on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 July 1981 commencing at 9.15 am on Wednesday 22 July.

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PRESENT: The President, Mr P.W. Marshall (in the chair), Executive Committee members, Messrs M.G. Stuckey, A.W. Clissold, M. Cloake, S.J. Lyttle and I. Berry, and approximately 60 members of the Association including Delegates from 14 Branches.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs I. Dickinson, Chairman of the Honey Marketing Authority, C. Wicht, General Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority, M. Gould, G.M. Walton, P. Clinch, J. Smith, K. Simpson and T. Bryant, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, T. Walton, Editor of the "Beekeeper", D.J. Dobson Secretary of the Association.

OPENING PRAYER: The President invited Conference to stand while he read the opening prayer.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME  
BY THE MAYOR OF  
QUEENSTOWN: Mr J.A. Grant and Mrs Grant attended the Conference to welcome Delegates to Queenstown. Mr Grant briefly outlined the history of the area and explained how dependent Queenstown was on the tourist trade to maintain its economic viability. In this regard he said that Queenstown was pleased to have the Beekeepers' Conference in the area as it brought money and employment to the region. He welcomed all visitors to the Conference and wished them well in their deliberations.

PRESENTATION OF TREE: The President, Mr Marshall, then presented a nectar-bearing tree to Mrs Grant as a presentation to the people of Queenstown.

Mrs Grant said that she had discussed the planting of the tree with Borough Council staff and could assure the Association that it would be placed in an appropriate area. She said that all the trees in Queenstown had been planted and it appeared to be a particularly good area for tree growth.

OPENING ADDRESS FROM  
MR R.L.G. TALBOT,  
PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-  
SECRETARY TO THE  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: In his address Mr Talbot noted that this year was the 75th anniversary of the Southland Branch of the National Beekeepers' Association which had been formed on 25 February 1906 and it was therefore appropriate that the Conference should be held in this area in this year.

In his address he indicated that in recent years Government had directly encouraged farmers to invest in increased production through Livestock Incentive schemes and the Land Development Encouragement loan scheme, and he was aware that bees were important as effective pollinators of clover in land development projects.



He said that Ministry officers were encouraging apicultural development in newly sown areas and bringing to the attention of farmers the value derived from bee pollination in land development work.

Mr Talbot went on to outline amendments to the Apiaries Act which had been amended in 1980 and pointed out that whilst the Association had requested that European Brood disease be included in the First Schedule, when all the factors were considered Government had not seen European Brood disease as any more dangerous than American Brood disease which itself was included in the Second Schedule. Government's concern was shown by including both these diseases in the Second Schedule of the Act.

Mr Talbot pointed out that a number of changes had occurred in the industry over the last twelve months and emphasised that the people who had the greatest financial stake in the industry were the beekeepers and the Government felt that these were the people who could logically be expected to want to do what was best for the future of the honey industry both in the short and long terms. He said that the Government's role had been to try to encourage the establishment of some private enterprise structure in the form of a Co-operative to take over from the Honey Marketing Authority. He stated quite clearly that the Government accepted the findings of the Commission of Enquiry and would do whatever it could to facilitate a smooth transition from the operation of the Honey Marketing Authority to the proposed Co-operative.

Mr Talbot raised a number of points which he felt needed further industry consideration and these included the question of stabilisation to overcome the ups and downs of production from year to year whether anybody should have the power of control over exports of honey products in any way, whether it was necessary to licence exporters and whether it was necessary to set minimum quality standards or to promote the orderly marketing of honey products. Mr Talbot did not pass any opinion on these issues but rather suggested that these were matters which the industry would have to consider in the near future. The past Government policy was to minimise controls and regulations in the day to day operation of an industry. It would however continue to support and consider any proposals which would assist the industry in the future, particularly if those proposals had the solid backing of the industry.

In conclusion Mr Talbot placed on record his own appreciation of the work carried out by Mr Marshall over the past twelve months in ensuring that all points of view were heard in the process of restructuring the industry.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

In presenting his address to the Conference, Mr Marshall outlined the recommendations and some of the background of the Arbitrator's report to the industry. He outlined areas from Mr Kay's report which he considered to be important and which required consideration by the industry. These were mainly in the areas of the dissolution of the Honey Marketing Authority and the smooth transition from the Authority to the proposed Co-operative. He also quoted from the report regarding the use of the funds which will arise as the result of the sale of the H.M.A. assets.

Mr Marshall asked that an open mind be kept by all members of the industry to the problems which lay ahead and particularly to the smooth transition from the Authority to the operation and functioning of the Co-operative. He said that considerable time would need to be spent in ensuring that funds so derived from the Honey Marketing Authority would need to be invested in such a way that they would derive the maximum benefit to the industry. He also asked that the proposers of the Co-operative give all beekeeper the opportunity to become members and to make allowances for those who wanted to join but felt they could not do so because of lack of available cash following a poor honey season. He said that tolerance is needed by all parties as the industry moved into a free enterprise marketing situation.

Mr Marshall reported briefly on his representations to Land and Agricultural Select Committee regarding amendments to the Apiaries Act and pointed out that he had not been able to have European Brood disease placed in Schedule 1 of the Apiaries Act. He felt however that this had been slightly offset by the Association's move into insurance with the help of the South British Insurance Company which would cover among other assets hives for European Brood disease.

He reported on his involvement with the Agricultural Chemicals Board and representations which had been made to improve labelling on insecticides regarding bee protection. He said that once the new Pesticides Act came into being what was written on the label for bee protection became law. He said however that it was pleasing to note that in Tauranga which had suffered heavy bee losses in the past, bee loss had been reduced considerably by co-operation between kiwifruit grower and beekeeper. However this co-operation had not been achieved in all districts and there was still a lot of work to be done by beekeepers in putting their cases forward to horticulturalists at their own district level.

Mr Marshall thanked Mr Talbot for the assistance he had been able to give in progress towards the establishment of a more acceptable marketing policy for the industry and thanked his Executive and staff members for assistance given over the year.



THANKS TO GUEST  
SPEAKERS:

Mr S.J. Lyttle moved a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Grant and Mr Talbot for their speeches and this was carried by acclamation of the Conference.

ADDRESS FROM MR I.  
DICKINSON, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE NZ HONEY  
MARKETING AUTHORITY:

In his address Mr Dickinson outlined the difficulties and complexities that the honey industry had had over the years in trying to determine a satisfactory marketing strategy for the industry. He outlined the events of the last twelve months and some of the problems which had had to be dealt with since the last Conference in terms of coming to some satisfactory arrangement with regard to the winding-down of the Honey Marketing Authority and the setting up of a producer-oriented Co-operative.

He said that since the release of the investigating committee's report, the Board had met on two occasions, firstly to consider Mr Kay's report and secondly to discuss with the Co-operative's steering committee proposals based on the findings of the report and also to indicate to them prices for Authority buildings and plant. He said that the Pleasant Point plant and buildings was on offer to the Co-operative steering committee but they had been advised that the Auckland building would be sold to the strongest buyer either at auction or by private sale. The Authority had also agreed to sell to the Co-operative all the trade names and marketing information of the Authority and honey stocks at takeover date were still to be negotiated on a formula yet to be decided. He pointed out however that before any of these decisions could be taken, the injunction on the Authority would need to be lifted.

Mr Dickinson reported that Mr Don Hayman, the Government representative on the Board, had taken up a new position with the Department of Tourism and Publicity and had tendered his resignation from the Board as at 30 July. Mr Dickinson said that the industry appreciated the efforts made by Mr Hayman on its behalf and wished him well in his new position. Mr N. Gould, Assistant Director of the Economics Division was currently acting as Mr Hayman's successor as Government yet had to make a firm appointment.

Mr Dickinson also acknowledged the work of the staff of the Honey Marketing Authority and indicated that they had been in some dilemma regarding their future employment and requested that the industry should express its gratitude to the H.M.A. staff by way of resolution.

With the anticipated sale of the Authority's trading operations, Mr Dickinson pointed out that it would no longer be appropriate for the Authority to exercise controls on exports which had been delegated to the Authority by the Minister. Mr Dickinson raised the point of further export controls and the necessity for serious consideration by the industry of this matter.

He reported on the market situation overseas and made particular note of the effect of the

Chinese presence in the market.

Mr Dickinson concluded his speech by saying that there were some difficult decisions ahead for the industry and that full consideration must be given to all propositions for the future.

APOLOGIES:

The following apologies were recorded and sustained.

Mr R. Davidson, Timaru  
Mr and Mrs A. Ward, Gore  
Mr D. Lorimer, Hamilton  
Mr W.T. Herron  
Mr C. Brommell  
Mr S. Young, Taranaki

OBITUARIES:

The following obituaries were made known to the Conference.

The Late Messrs Iain Forbes, W.J.C. Ashcroft, R. Newton, N. Bothwell, K. Bryant, R. Galloway and J. McKenzie, and Mrs Barber, wife of Mr Jim Barber.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Mr Harry Cloake moved, seconded by Mr Robin Jensen that Mr Robert Davidson Snr. be elected a Life Member of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.).

Mr Cloake outlined the involvement of Mr Davidson in the beekeeping industry and whilst he had not been a member of the National Executive he had been elected for a term to the Honey Marketing Authority. Mr Cloake said that Mr Davidson had been a considerable influence in the beekeeping industry and that the award of a Life Membership would be a fitting tribute to his contribution.

Mr Davidson was unable to attend the Conference so that the Certificate was presented to President of the South Canterbury Branch of the Association for presentation to Mr Davidson at some suitable date.

BRANCH LIFE MEMBER-SHIP:

The following Branch Life Memberships were advised.

Mr W.J. Ashcroft, Hawkes Bay  
Mr. F. Broadley, Waikato  
Mr D. Carey, Waikato  
Mr Colin Cunningham, South Western Districts  
Mr Ron Mossop, Bay of Plenty

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Mr J. Heineman presented the Librarian's report for the year. Mr Heineman reported that there had been a number of donations to the library during the year some of these books being of historical interest. He paid thanks to Mr and Mrs McIlraith of Dunedin, Mr Norman Ward, formerly a beekeeper of Kaitangata, and to the Editor. Mr Trevor Bryant had also made a contribution to the library with material brought back from Canada. A general donation of \$50 to purchase books was received from Mr Ernest New of Invercargill.

Mr Heineman also acknowledged the help of Mr Ecroyd in purchasing three new books and an



I.B.R.A. reprint at special discount prices.

It was also reported that there was some concern caused by overdue borrowers as it involved extra time and postage. Mr Heineman reported that the increase in loan fees and the initial subscription of \$3.00 as implemented earlier in the year seemed adequate, but because of increase postage, borrowers would have to remit more money if they wished to continue borrowing from the library. He reported that financially the library was holding its own but without the allocation from the Executive and special donations, there would be little money left for buying extra books.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

Timekeeper

It was resolved that Mr Ross Moore be appointed Timekeeper.

Scrutineers

It was resolved that Messrs Kerry Simpson and Trevor Bryant be appointed Scrutineers.

Speaking times

It was moved Lyttle/Lorimer that the Mover be allowed five minutes to speak, the Seconder three minutes and subsequent speakers three minutes.

Tape Recorders

Approval for the press to have a tape recorder was given.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The meeting was advised that Notices of Motion had to be handed to the Executive Secretary by noon on Thursday 23 July.

DELEGATES TO  
CONFERENCE:

The names of Delegates and Deputy Delegates were duly recorded.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING HELD  
IN TAURANGA IN 1980:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in Tauranga on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 July 1980 had previously been circulated and were taken as read.

It was moved Stuckey, seconded Penrose that the Minutes of this Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the word "decline" on Page 11 being changed to "increase".

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at 12.15 pm and resumed again at 1.30 pm.

At the resumption of the Conference, the President declared the Annual Meeting adjourned and declared the Conference of Delegates in session.

(The remits as presented are in numerical order but in some cases the remits were taken out of order.)

ADMINISTRATION

REMIT NO. 1: STH. CANTERBURY: This remit read:

"That this Conference recommends hall hire during the Conference and Annual General Meeting be paid from NBA funds and not out of the Conference registration fees."

Moved Messrs Lyttle/Cropp and carried by 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 2: OTAGO: The original remit was amended to read:

"That the Executive Committee investigate the future and necessity of the hive levy if the Honey Marketing Authority is disbanded."

Moved Messrs McCaw/Smoothy and carried by 13 votes to nil, with one abstention.

REMIT NO. 3: FAR NORTH: This remit read:

"That the NBA adopt an Associate Membership forthwith."

Moved Messrs Haines/Gavin, lost 2 votes to 12.

Mr Haines requested a poll but this was lost 175 votes to 721.

REMIT NO. 4: OTAGO: This remit read:

"That it be considered to make available a special membership of the Association to beekeeping clubs."

By leave of the Conference this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 5: OTAGO: This remit read:

"That a junior membership be made available."

Moved Messrs McCaw/Smoothy.

An amendment was then moved "That a junior membership be investigated by the Executive Committee."

Moved Messrs Heineman/Braid.

The amendment was put and carried by 12 votes to 2.

The amendment then became the motion and was carried by 13 votes to 1.

REMIT NO. 6: HAWKES BAY: This remit read:

"That Conference approves the findings of the Kay report and also approves of the subsequent relevant resolution of the Honey Marketing Authority on the meeting of 27/28 April 1981."

Moved Messrs P. Berry/I. Berry and carried 14 votes to nil

REMIT NO. 7: HAWKES BAY: This remit read:

"That the Conference is of the opinion that the whole industry would be wise to work within the guidelines of the Kay report".

Moved Messrs P. Berry/I. Berry and carried 14 votes to nil



After discussion on these two remits, Mr P. Berry agreed to lift his injunction on the Honey Marketing Authority and took steps to do this immediately. His action was approved by acclamation.

REMIT NO. 8: NORTH OTAGO: This remit read:

"That this Conference would like a full discussion on the Arbitrator's report especially on the future of the Honey Marketing Authority."

This remit was left to lie upon the table but was later withdrawn by approval of Conference voting at 12 for and 2 against.

REMIT NO. 9: WEST COAST: This remit read:

"In the event of the Arbitrator's report being implemented in relation to the setting up of a trust fund that a proportion of the revenue earned be used in all aspects of general bee promotion."

Moved Messrs Braid/Glasson and lost by 5 votes to 8.

REMIT NO.10: STH. CANTERBURY: This remit read:

"That this Conference set time aside to discuss future export controls."

In view of the content of Remit 11 it was agreed that this remit should lie upon the table, and after discussion of Remit 11 it was agreed by the Conference by 12 votes to 1 that the remit be withdrawn.

REMIT NO.11: CANTERBURY: This remit read:

"That in the event of the Honey Marketing Authority being disbanded consideration be given to an Export Control Board being established to act in an advisory capacity with regard to export marketing and pricing."

Moved Messrs Bray/Hantz.

It was then moved Messrs Jensen/I. Berry that the words "Control Board" be amended to "Advisory Body". This amendment was carried by 6 votes to 5.

The amended motion then read:

"That in the event of the Honey Marketing Authority being disbanded consideration be given to an Export Advisory Body being established to act in an advisory capacity with regard to export marketing and pricing."

This moved was then put and carried by 9 votes to 5.

REMIT NO.12: FAR NORTH: This remit read:

"That the Notice No. 4 on the order paper of the 1977 Annual Conference which was passed unanimously, i.e. that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries be asked to amend the requirements of the Annual Declaration Form of hive inspection to cover the number of colonies with disease and in which apiaries, the total number of colonies owned, and any new site already registered, be implemented immediately."

This was moved Messrs Haines/Gavin and carried by 10 vote to nil with 4 abstentions.

REMIT NO.13: STH.WEST DISTRICTS: This remit read;

"That this Conference requests that the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries appoints a new Apiary Advisory Officer to Palmerston North on the retirement of Mr Bill Rodie and not as rumour has it service this area from Hamilton on his subsequent retirement."

With the agreement of the Conference this remit was amended by deleting all words after "Rodie". The amended remit then read:

"That this Conference requests that the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries appoints a new Apiary Advisory Officer to Palmerston North on the retirement of Mr Bill Rodie."

This was moved Messrs Rowe/I. Berry and carried by 14 vote to nil.

REMIT NO. 14: BAY OF PLENTY: This remit read:

"That the agricultural staffing survey as recently agreed upon by the NBA Executive and the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be urgently implemented."

This was moved Mr Stanley and lapsed for the want of a seconder. After further discussion with the Chairman it was agreed that there had been a statement in the Minutes that such a survey was required and by leave of the Meeting at a later stage this remit was retabled, moved Messrs Stanley/Rowe and carried by 12 votes to nil with two abstentions.

REMIT NO.15: SOUTHLAND:

By leave of the Meeting the following remit was moved in place of that in the Order Paper. The amended remit read:

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be commended for employing an Apiary Advisory Officer replacement to fill a vacancy created by the selection of an Apiary Officer on an overseas exchange, and that these exchanges be extended to allow further exchange of researches and advisers from overseas countries."

This was moved Messrs Booth/Lyttle and carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO.16: BAY OF PLENTY: This remit read:

"That European Foul Brood be placed in Schedule 1 of the Apiaries Act."

This was moved Messrs Stanley/Rowe and carried by 8 votes to 6.

A poll was requested and resulted in the remit being carried 583 to 279. It was requested that Mr G. Walton attend the September meeting of the Executive Committee so that an opportunity could be made to discuss the plan of operation for an outbreak of European Foul Brood.

REMIT NO.17: SOUTH CANTERBURY: This remit read:

"That this Conference reaffirm the present policy of not importing bees and bee products. "

An amendment was moved Messrs Jansen/R. Berry to add after the words "bee products", "in a form which places the industry at risk". The amended remit then read:

"That this Conference reaffirm the present policy of not importing bees and bee products in a form which places the industry at risk".

The amendment was carried by 14 votes to nil. The amendment then became the new remit and this was also carried by 14 votes to nil.

In relation to this remit Mr Walton requested that the Ministry be advised of any importation which may not otherwise have been noticed by the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Port Agricultural Service.

REMIT NO.18: BAY OF PLENTY: This remit read:

"That no Nuie Island or Tongan honey be sold or processed in New Zealand".

This was moved Messrs Stanley/Bartrum and by a show of hands Delegates voted 6 for and 6 against.

A poll was requested which resulted in the remit being carried 475 to 345.

REMIT NO.19: STH. WEST DISTRICTS: This remit read:

"That this Conference urges the Rural Bank to give further consideration to the use of beehives to secure loans when no other security is available."

This was moved Messrs Rowe/Lyttle and carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO.20: SOUTHLAND: This remit read:

"That NBA approach the Rural Banking Corporation to promote more widely its policy on finance to farmers for shelter belts."

This was moved Messrs Booth/Haines and carried by 14 votes to nil.

REMIT NO.21: SOUTHLAND: This remit read:

"The NBA Executive ask the Secretary of Labour, Labour Department, Immigration Division, to add beekeepers and queenbreeders to the list of skilled personnel which are required by New Zealand employers."

This was moved Messrs Herron/Jensen and carried by 11 votes to 2.

REMIT NO.22: WAIKATO: This remit read:

"That the Dominion Executive meet the Counties' Association asking them to adopt a universal policy for beekeepers in relation to land classified as Rural A and D, granting them a predominant use entitlement."

This was moved Messrs Lorimer/Rowe and carried by 14 votes to nil.



REMIT NO.23: OTAGO: This remit read:

"That Executive confer with the Minister of Transport to ask for some relief in fuel costs in the form of a rebate per litre, for the beekeeper who provides pollination services for farmers in new pasture development areas, where pasture improvement would be impossible without the beekeepers' expertise."

This was moved Messrs McCaw/Smoothy and lost one vote to 13.

REMIT NO.24: CANTERBURY: This remit read:

"That Queen Bees be included in the schedule of those products which are subject to export tax incentive."

This was moved Messrs Hantz/Hunt and carried by 13 votes to one.

REMIT NO.25: NELSON: This remit read:

"This Conference request that the NBA Executive approach the editor of "The Apiarist" to provide suitable articles on commercial beekeeping and ideas on improving the "New Zealand Beekeeper" magazine."

This was moved Messrs Cropp/Boskett and lost one vote to 11 with 2 abstentions.

REMIT NO.26: NELSON: This remit read:

"This Conference fully endorses Paul Marshall's efforts as a representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board in his endeavours to tighten controls on poisonous sprays."

This was moved Messrs Cropp/Boskett and carried by acclamation.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1: NORTHLAND:

"That the 1982 Conference be held in Northland."

This was moved Messrs Gavin/Haines and carried by 14 votes to nil.

NOTICE OF MOTION No. 2: OTAGO:

"That this Conference recommends to the Executive that in the event of the Honey Marketing Authority ceasing its present activities, all necessary steps be taken to ensure that the H.M.A be reconstituted to:

1. Oversee, advise on and regulate the orderly marketing of honey especially for the overseas market
2. Administer the funds arising from the disposal of the present assets of the H.M.A. for the benefits of the whole of the New Zealand beekeeping industry.

This remit was lost by 4 votes to 9.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3: WAIKATO:

"That the fund to be administered by the NBA and that a special committee should be formed to administer the fund. This committee should be elected by the North Island members of the NBA Executive Committee, electing one member to the committee, and the South Island members of the NBA Executive Committee, electing one member to the committee, and that there be a public accountant or some other impartial person appointed by the NBA Executive to make up the third member."

This was moved Messrs R. Berry/Stuckey and carried by 10 votes to nil with 4 abstentions.

RESEARCH REPORT FROM MR P.G. CLINCH OF WALLACEVILLE:

Mr Clinch presented his report which had previously been tabled for those attending.

He covered areas of agricultural chemicals, pollination, disease diagnosis, wood preservatives, wax moth control and the replacement for cynogas.

ADVISORY REPORT FROM MR G.M. WALTON:

Mr Walton in his report covered organisation and staffing, beekeeping statistics, the honey yield for the 1980/81 season, American Brood disease incidence in New Zealand and advisory activities. Other aspects of his report covered the Apiaries Amendment Act, the Honey Export Certification Regulations 1980, protection of bees from pesticides and apiary registration.

There being no further business for the Conference of Delegates it was moved Messrs Braid/Hantz that the Conference of Delegates be concluded and that the Annual General Meeting of the Association be resumed.

Carried

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

It was moved Mr Clissold, seconded Mr Lyttle that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Association be received.

Carried

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1981/82 YEAR:

Mr Marshall relinquished the chair and handed the Meeting over to the Secretary for the election of the President.

The Secretary called for nominations for President for the 1981/82 year. Mr A.W. Clissold was nominated on the motion of Messrs Lyttle/Smoothy, and Mr M.G. Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Messrs I. Berry/Herron.

As there was more than one nomination an election was necessary and this resulted in Mr A.W. Clissold being elected as President for the 1981/82 year.

Mr Clissold thanked all those who had elected him for their confidence in him and said that he would be working for progress in the honey industry in the next year.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1981/82 YEAR:

The President called for nominations for Vice-President and Mr Stuckey was nominated on the motion of Mr I. Berry Mr Lyttle.

As there were no further nominations, Mr Stuckey was declared elected as Vice-President.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

The Secretary indicated that Mr N. Ryder-Lewis was prepared to act as Auditor for the Association for the next year and it was moved Messrs H. Cloake/McCaw that Mr N. Ryder-Lewis be appointed Auditor for the 1981/82 year.

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

VOTE OF THANKS TO MR DON HAYMAN:

It was moved Messrs Bartrum/Dickinson that this Conference carry a vote of thanks to Mr Don Hayman for the work which he has done for the honey industry during his term of appointment to the Honey Marketing Authority.

Carried

THANKS TO STAFF OF THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

It was moved Messrs Dickinson/Lyttle that a letter of appreciation be sent to the management and staff of the Honey Marketing Authority for their contribution to the industry.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST BRANCH:

Mr I. Berry moved a vote of thanks to the host Branch for the very successful organisation of the Conference and this was carried by acclamation.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was declared closed at 5.10 pm on Thursday, 23 July 1981.

*W A Berry*  
*28-7-82.*



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held at the Lakeland Inn Hotel, Queenstown, on Wednesday 22 July 1981 at 5 pm. and continued on Thursday, 23 July commencing at 5.15 pm.

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PRESENT: Mr P.W. Marshall, in the chair, Messrs M.G. Stuckey, I. Berry, A. Clissold, M. Cloake and S. Lyttle.

ATTENDANCE: Mr D.J. Dobson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES: An apology was received and sustained from Mr M. Cloake for the meeting on Thursday, 23 July.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS PASSED AT THE CONFERENCE:

MIT NO. 1: COST OF HALL HIRE:

It was resolved that the Southland Branch be reimbursed for the cost of hall hire for the Annual General Meeting and the Conference of Delegates.

MIT NO. 2: FUTURE HIVE LEVY:

It was resolved that this matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

MIT NO. 5: JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:

It was resolved that this matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

MIT NO. 6: APPROVAL OF KAY REPORT:

It was resolved that this be noted.

MIT NO. 7: THAT THE INDUSTRY WORK WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE KAY REPORT:

It was resolved that this matter be noted.

MIT NO.11: EXPORT CONTROL:

It was moved Messrs Stuckey/Cloake that the Sale of Honey (Export Control) Regulations not be immediately revoked but that the Minister give blanket approval for exports for the next 12 months and that the matter be reviewed at the end of this period.

Carried

MIT NO.12: ANNUAL DECLARATION OF HIVES:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries regarding this matter.

MIT NO.13: ADVISORY OFFICER AT PALMERSTON NORTH:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries requesting that an advisory officer be placed at Palmerston North on the retirement of Mr Bill Rodie.

MIT NO.14: STAFFING SURVEY:

It was resolved that this matter be noted and discussed with Mr Walton at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

MIT NO.15: OVERSEAS EXCHANGE FOR APIARY ADVISORY OFFICERS:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries regarding this matter.

MIT NO.16: EUROPEAN FOUL BROOD ON SCHEDULE 1:

It was resolved that this matter be taken up with the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

MIT NO.17: IMPORTATION OF BEES AND BEE PRODUCTS:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries pointing out the industry's concern regarding the importation of bees and bee products.

It was also suggested that an opinion should be sought from Mr P.G. Clinch regarding the importation of royal jelly.

MIT NO.18: IMPORTATION OF NUIE ISLAND AND TONGAN HONEY:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries noting the balance of voting but that no recommendation be made.

MIT NO.19: BEEHIVES AS SECURITY FOR LOANS:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Rural Bank Finance Corporation regarding the use of beehives as security.

MIT NO.20: RURAL BANK FINANCE CORPORATION FINANCE FOR SHELTER BELTS:

It was resolved that this be noted and that a Rural Bank Finance Corporation officer be invited to the next meeting of the Executive Committee so that this matter could be further discussed.

MIT NO.21: SKILLED PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY NEW ZEALAND EMPLOYERS:

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Secretary of Labour after discussion at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

MIT NO.22: MEETING WITH COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:

It was agreed that the Secretary would obtain a copy of the Waikato draft review scheme and discuss the matter with Federated Farmers legal officer.

MIT NO.24: EXPORT TAX INCENTIVE ON QUEEN BEES:

It was agreed that the Secretary would make contact with someone in the Department of Trade & Industry to discuss this matter and that it be referred to the next meeting of the Executive.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

POLLEN AS A FOOD FOR BEES:

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr Colin Rope, Apicultural Advisory Officer, Auckland, to obtain information regarding the food quality of differing types of pollens as a food for bees.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY ELECTIONS:

It was resolved that a letter should be written to Mr R.L.G. Talbot requesting postponement of Honey Marketing Authority elections for twelve months.

IMPORTATION OF HONEY AND BEES AND BEE PRODUCTS:

It was agreed that the Secretary should write a further letter to the Minister of Customs requesting that honey be included on the list of prohibited imports.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD:

It was agreed that Mr P.W. Marshall would remain as the NBA representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board until such time as the Pesticides Board came into being.

APIARIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that Mr M.G. Stuckey should confer with Mr Walton regarding appointments to the Apiaries Advisory Committee.

AIR NEW ZEALAND TRAVEL CARDS:

The Executive Committee requested that each of them be issued with an Air New Zealand travel card so that they can make arrangements for their own travel to meetings etc.

there was no further business the Meeting concluded at 5.50 pm on Thursday, 23 July 1981.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Boardroom, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 30 September and Thursday 1 October 1981, commencing at 10 am on Wednesday 30 September.



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY 1981

9143	NZ Honey Marketing Authority	\$477.50✓	Payment for newsletter
44	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	432.64✓	Platemaking March "Beekeeper" tolls, photocopying, postage
45	Secretary, Northland Branch	114.00✓	Capitation
46	Secretary, Waikato Branch	313.00✓	"
47	Secretary, Hawkes Bay Branch	113.00✓	"
48	Secretary, Otago Branch	193.00✓	"
49	Secretary, Southland Branch	100.00✓	Advance for Conference expenses
50	Secretary, Nelson Branch	98.00✓	Capitation
51	Secretary, S.W. Districts	41.80✓	Reimbursement Delegate's Conference travel (1980)
52	W.A. Clissold	60.00✓	Travel expenses
53	M.G. Stuckey	218.15✓	" " (Far North and Exec.Comm. meeting Wellington)
54	Secretary, Far North Branch	85.00✓	Capitation
55	Secretary, S. Canterbury Branch	89.00✓	"
56	Secretary, North Otago Branch	89.00✓	"
57	Air New Zealand	600.00✓	Bulkair payment
58	Pork Industry Council	3,261.64✓	Fee, stationery, tolls, Xerox
59	Pork Industry Council	238.73✓	Hive Levy expenses
60	M.G.V. Printers	231.75✓	Postage June "Beekeeper"
701	Waterloo Hotel	50.75✓	Accommodation, Mr Marshall
02	Secretary, Marlborough Branch	82.00✓	Capitation
03	Secretary, Bay of Plenty Branch	104.00✓	"
04	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,645.25✓	Editorial June "Beekeeper", typesetting, photocopying, postage
05	Barry Clothier	32.10✓	Photographs
06	W. Hutchinson	20.00✓	Contributor payment June "Beekeeper"
07	J. Smith	25.00✓	" " "
08	M. Reid	25.00✓	" " "
09	A.G. Matheson	55.00✓	" " "
10	F.A. Galea	25.00✓	" " "
11	A. Warren	4.00✓	" " "
12	Cash	20.00✓	Petty cash reimbursement
13	Endeavour Travel Ltd	142.40✓	Mr Dobson, Conference travel
*14	Bank of New Zealand	240.04✓	Apimondia subscription (US\$2 bank draft)
15	A. Ecroyd & Son Ltd	71.43✓	Books for Library (part \$100 grant)
16	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,053.24✓	Platemaking, advertising costs, tolls, postage, courier

List of Cheques paid for May, June and July 1981 Contd.

2717	I. Berry	\$128.70	✓	Travel expenses Agricultural Chemicals Board meeting
18	NZ Post Office	48.90	✓	Pre-paid envelopes Election
19	A.M. International Ltd	23.46	✓	Addressograph plates
20	Pork Industry Council	51.19	✓	Tolls and telegrams

\$10,603.67

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 30 September and Thursday 1 October 1981, commencing at 10.00 am and 9 am respectively.

PRESENT:

Mr W.A. Clissold (in the Chair), and  
Messrs P.W. Marshall, M.G. Stuckey, I. Berry,  
M. Cloake and S.J. Lyttle.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr D.J. Dobson, Secretary, and Mr L.J. Jones.

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies, except that the arrival at the meeting of a number of members was delayed by crosswinds at Wellington Airport.

WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jones to the meeting, explaining that owing to pressure of other duties, Mr Dobson would be handing over the secretarial function of the Association to Mr Jones. Mr Dobson said that Mr Jones was experienced in the field of accountancy and since he (Mr Dobson) would still be available as a "backstop", he felt that the service function to the Association provided by the Pork Industry Council staff had been strengthened, particularly in view of the forthcoming involvement of the Association with the taking over of the Honey Marketing Authority's funds, and the formation of the new Co-operative.

CONFIRMATION OF  
MINUTES:

Meeting held 20 July 1981

The above Minutes had previously been circulated and it was resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 1981 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

CLOAKE/LYTTLE

MATTERS ARISING FROM  
MINUTES:

1. Amalgamation of Central/Southern Hawkes Bay Branch. Mr Dobson reported that he had heard nothing further about the amalgamation but he understood that it was to have taken place after the Annual Meetings.
2. Fumigation Regulations. Mr Dobson reported that Mr Waters of the Health Department would be addressing the Meeting on the next day, (1 October).
3. Registration under the Food Hygiene Regulations. Mr Dobson said that he had written to Mr Gavin but as yet had received no reply.
4. 1981 Hive Levy debtor. It was reported that there was only one account outstanding.

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5. Life Membership Roll. The Executive asked the Secretary to send a circular to Branch Secretaries spelling out the criteria for the nomination of Life Members so that the embarrassing situation where proposed members are later rejected will be avoided.
6. Overseas visitor - Dr Cameron Jay. The Association had been advised that its contribution toward an overseas visitor would likely be very substantial. In view of the high cost, the Executive expressed reluctance to pursue the matter further.
7. Taxation of HMA funds. Information had been received from Mr Kay to the effect that it would be extremely difficult to avoid taxation except in circumstances where the funds were to be applied in a strictly limited manner, eg research foundations, charitable trusts, or in a situation where the Association applied to be registered as a Statutory Body such as the Pork Industry Council.

CONFIRMATION OF  
MINUTES:

Meeting held 22 and 23 July 1981

The above Minutes had previously been circulated and it was resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 and 23 July 1981 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- Remit 9 - Should read "general honey promotion"  
Remit 12 - Should read "not already registered"  
Page 5 - Should read "Southland District", not "Southwest"  
Page 6 - Should read "Ross Ward", not "Ross Moore".

STUCKEY/LYTLE

MATTERS ARISING FROM  
MINUTES:

1. Remit 5 - Junior Membership. After full discussion it was resolved that owing to the smallness of the overall membership and the per capita amount involved (\$10), that there be no Junior Membership.

STUCKEY/CLOAKE

2. Remit 2 - Future of Hive Levy. This item was referred to agenda item 5 - Finance.
3. Remit 22 - Universal policy for beekeepers in relation to land classified as Rural A and D, granting them a predominant use entitlement.

Mr Dobson reported that as yet nothing had been done concerning this remit.

4. Remit 24 - Queen Bees, export tax incentive. It was reported that as yet no reply had been received in answer to correspondence.

W.A.L.



CORRESPONDENCE -  
INWARDS:

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries re Cliff van Eaton. This letter from MAF advised that Mr van Eaton had expressed interest in permanently working for the Ministry and he had been advised that when a vacancy occurred he would be notified.
- (b) MAF - Movement control. This letter from MAF to Mr Ian Berry asked for further detail to enable the Ministry to investigate the circumstances surrounding the importation of used beekeeping equipment into New Zealand.
- (c) MAF - Food quality of pollen as a bee food. Mr C.G. Rope of MAF had written to the Association setting out the details of a recipe for bee food developed by Eckert and Shaw.
- (d) Rural Banking & Finance Corporation - hives as security for RBFC loans. This letter advised that Mr R.J. Chappell would be attending the Association's Meeting on 1 October at 1.30 pm.
- (e) Agpress - Change of printer for "NZ Beekeeper". Mr Walton wrote that owing to the demise of MGV Print Ltd he had arranged for Printcraft Ltd to handle the current issue of "NZ Beekeeper" at an increased cost of 10% above the MGV Print Ltd charge.
- (f) New South Wales Department of Agriculture - European Foul Brood. A letter had been received reporting that European Foul Brood has spread rapidly from Victoria (where it was first discovered in 1977) to all Australian States except Western Australia and Northern Territory. It is now pointless to destroy hives by burning as the disease is too widespread. The policy is to feed drugs which allow hives to be protected, but this masks the symptoms of American Foul Brood, a fact that should lead to a large increase in the presence of American Foul Brood in Australia. The writer stated that New Zealand's ban on imports of foreign honey is a very sound and good policy in preventing the entry of European Foul Brood in to New Zealand. (Mr Grahame Walton of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries had been written to requesting him to prepare a paper on the subject.)
- (g) South Western Districts Branch - letter to MAF. The Executive directed the Secretary to write to branches requesting them to send any correspondence (eg with MAF) to the Association and not directly to the organisations concerned. This would enable the Association to vet material in connection with industry policy before forwarding to the organisation.

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- (h) Minister of Agriculture - Postponement of the 1981 Honey Marketing Authority Election. Mr Rob Talbot wrote advising that he agreed that it seemed unnecessary to hold another election, and had agreed to an extension of the terms of office of existing members until 31 January 1982.
- (i) Canterbury Branch - NZ Fertilizers' relinquishment of Mirex Wasp Bait import licence. After considering the contents of the above letter, the Executive directed the Secretary to write to NZ Fertilizers to ascertain whether they had relinquished the licence, and then to refer the matter to Mr Kevin Ecroyd.
- (j) Philippa Gerard - Report No. 3. In her report Miss Gerard had asked for more funds to carry on her research into control of parasites. The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Gerard requesting an indication of the amount required. It was resolved:

That Miss Gerard be granted up to \$250 to continue her research into the control of parasites.

STUCKEY/LYTTLE

CORRESPONDENCE -  
OUTWARDS:

- (k) Members of Executive Committee - Sale of Honey (Export Control) Regulations 1971. Mr Dobson in his memo reported to members that it was not possible to obtain blanket approval for the next 12 months. Mr Gould had suggested that the Order be revoked as at the end of August. If then the industry as a whole requested some form of export control at a later date then this could be done by bringing in a Customs Export Prohibition Order.
- (l) Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, (G.M. Walton) - Annual Conference Remits. Mr Dobson had written to Mr Walton on the following:
  - 1. Annual Declaration of Hives. The Association asked that an assurance be given that the changes in the hive declaration be implemented as soon as possible.
  - 2. Advisory Officer at Palmerston North. It was asked that the Ministry appoint an Apiary Advisory Officer to Palmerston North on the retirement of Mr Bill Rodie.
  - 3. Staffing Survey. It was requested that the Apicultural staffing survey as recently agreed upon by the National Beekeepers' Association Executive and the Ministry be urgently implemented.

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4. Overseas Exchanges for Apiary Advisory Officers. The request was made to the Ministry that some formal type of exchange between New Zealand Apiary Instructors and their overseas counterparts be arranged.
5. European Foul Brood. It was asked that European Foul Brood be placed in Schedule 1 of the Apiaries Act. Mr Walton was invited to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee
6. Importation of bees and bee products. It was stated that the industry had reaffirmed the present policy of not importing bees and bee products in a form which places the industry at risk.
7. Importation of Nuie and Tongan honey. It was passed on to Mr Walton that the industry as a whole had not expressed a strong feeling for or against the importation of Nuie or Tongan honey. The Executive Committee could therefore make no recommendation as to any action which could be taken in relation to this matter.

FINANCE:

(ITEMS a TO e ON AGENDA)

Income & Expenditure to 30 September 1981

After an examination of the list of payments made, it was resolved:

That the payments made, amounting to \$22,007.67 and represented by cheque nos. 402721-747, be approved.

LYTTLE/STUCKEY

It was further resolved:

That the Chairman's honorarium be increased by 20% (from \$800 to \$960 per annum) from 1 January 1982.

Mr Jones reported that the net deficiency of the Association after 9 months of operation was \$5,718. It was also stated that by the end of December, the Association would be in overdraft by approximately \$2,500. In view of the above, the Executive Committee were advised that decisions needed to be made with regard to:

- (a) The 1982 Hive Levy
  - (b) Overdraft arrangements for approximately two months commencing late December
  - (c) Use of the HMA funds when received by the Association
  - (d) Conversion of Government Stock \$11,000, interest rate 11% p.a. maturing 1983.
- (a) 1982 Hive Levy. After considerable discussion of all factors (including the view put forward by Mr Cloake that since the fate of the HMA funds was not yet known with any degree of certainty, the prudent course of action would be to increase the 1982 Hive Levy), it was decided to continue with the present Hive Levy with no increase

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in 1982 (in view of the considerable anticipated opposition from the industry against any increase), and it was resolved:

That an application be made to the Minister for the total Hive Levy (\$33,000) to be retained by the Association in 1982.

LYTTLE/CLOAKE

- (b) Overdraft arrangements. The Secretary was given authority to negotiate the necessary arrangements with the Bank of New Zealand.
- (c) Use of HMA funds. This was not clear because of the taxation implications which had not been fully investigated at the present time (see Executive directive under general business.)
- (d) Government Stock. Mr Jones advised the Meeting that it would probably not be possible to sell the Stock without having to concede a discount on the principal received but it might be possible to re-invest at a higher rate of interest so that the loss on sale would be more than offset by the additional return on the new investment.

It was resolved:

That the Secretary be given authority to investigate the possibility of trading out of the Government Stock into another form of investment so that there would be a net gain to the Association.

LYTTLE/CLOAKE

It was reported to the Meeting that if the matters in (a) and (d) above were satisfactorily resolved, then the financial position would be reasonable, at least from a "break even" point of view in 1982, regardless of what happened with the HMA funds.

HMA Costs It was reported to the Meeting that up to the present time the costs of winding up the HMA would be \$28,499.

Branch Capitations The Executive discussed the whole question of capitations in depth and the following basic rules were drawn up for the purpose of guiding the Branches:

- (a) The Secretary's honorarium not to exceed 25% of annual capitation.
- (b) Field days to be charged so that they are not run at a loss.
- (c) Members to be charged for copies of the Kay report.
- (d) Air fares to Conference for one delegate paid one way only.
- (e) No extra expenses above budget allowed.

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Members were of the opinion that difficulties



could be resolved more easily if branches presented their budgets earlier (preferably at the commencement of their financial year).

It was resolved:

That Canterbury branch be paid \$211 capitation due, and a letter be sent spelling out the rules with the request that the branch budget be prepared early in the next financial year.

LYTTLE/STUCKEY

It was also resolved:

That branch capitations be increased by 20% from 1 January 1982.

STUCKEY/BERRY

CONFERENCE 1982:

The Executive members discussed in considerable detail the escalating costs versus the benefits of holding Conferences, and they generally formed the opinion that the quality and value of the remits discussed at Conferences were far outweighed by the costs involved, and not even the fact that many people in the industry had the opportunity to meet at least once a year to exchange views (which helped to unite the industry) could justify the continuation of Conferences in their present form and content. Members discussed the possibility of restructuring the annual gathering in the form of workshops which delegates could attend according to their special areas of interest. In this connection the Secretary was asked to write to Mr Grahame Walton regarding future seminar workshop arrangements, and in particular, a Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries seminar for the next Conference. It was decided that any proposed changes to the present structure be implemented after the next Conference, and it was finally resolved:

That Mr Gavin's proposal to hold the 1982 Annual Conference at Waitangi be accepted.

STUCKEY/CLOAKE

TERTIARY TRAINING:

It was agreed that Messrs Cloake and Berry would meet on the day before the next Executive Meeting in December to discuss tertiary training.

TAX REGULATIONS:

Mr Mike Gould of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries attended the meeting and went into the details concerning the Export Regulations and possible prohibition orders. Members asked whether in his opinion the HMA would be able to continue as a skeleton structure for the purpose of avoiding the taxation of its funds and Mr Gould replied that in his opinion the answer from Government would be a definite "No". After further discussion it was resolved:

That Government be asked to revoke the Honey Export Control Regulations forthwith.

STUCKEY/BERRY

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Note: Mr Cloake voted against the motion, not because he was against it in principle, but because he believed that all the relevant factors were not available to make a responsible decision.



It was further resolved:

That the NBA endorses the HMA Board's decision to wind up the HMA, and that the net proceeds on liquidation be placed in an Industry Fund to be administered by the NBA.

BERRY/LYTTLE

Note: There would need to be a consequential amendment to the Hive Levy regulations.

REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY  
AGRICULTURE &  
SHERIES:

Mr Walton presented a draft paper entitled "Exotic Bee Diseases - Eradication and Control Procedures", and discussed the subject in relation to Apiaries and the Apiaries Amendment Act. Members expressed concern at the possible outbreak of European Foul Brood disease in New Zealand and the possible action to be taken by MAF in that unhappy event, particularly since this disease was not listed in the First Schedule where provision is made for the possibility of compensation payments. Mr Lyttle expressed his concern for those unfortunate beekeepers whose hives would most certainly be burned in the event of an initial outbreak of the disease. Unless compensation was payable they would be almost completely wiped out financially, whereas after the disease had spread rapidly to the rest of the industry, it would perhaps be treated with drugs, resulting in a less damaging financial situation for the majority of beekeepers.

RURAL BANK:

Mr R.J. Chappell addressed the Meeting and outlined the support that had been given to producers over the years. Mr Stuckey said that owing to the expansion of the kiwi fruit business (a valuable export commodity), it had been conveyed to him that in total 50,000 hives at a value of approximately \$7,500,000 would be needed in the near future to support the kiwi fruit industry, and in view of the importance of the fruit in earning valuable foreign exchange, he wanted to know what the Rural Bank would be likely to do by way of providing loan monies to finance the necessary hive expansion, since there was no way that the industry could raise the finance through its own resources. Mr Chappell replied that there was a strong demand for loans from all sectors of the agricultural community and there was a limited source of finance available. The question of using hives as security was raised and discussed in considerable detail.

It was finally resolved:

That Mr Lyttle draft a case for using hives as security to be put to the Rural Bank.

CLISSOLD/LYTTLE

It was also mentioned to Mr Chappell that where land development was being undertaken, tracks for beekeepers should be prepared as a part of the overall plan. This would be in the developer's

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own interests later on when the bees were needed for pollination of various crops.

Mr Chappell said before he left the Meeting that it would be a very good idea for the Executive to familiarise Mr McIntyre (Minister of Agriculture) personally with their problems because the Minister was sympathetic to farmers and would endeavour to do all he could if they had a good case to put before him.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (a) Agpress - 1982 Journal. Mr Trevor Walton addressed the Meeting and explained the circumstances surrounding the change of printer. The Executive asked that he prepare a detailed budget of costs for the 1982 year.
- (b) Subscriptions. After considerable discussion it was resolved:

That the annual subscription commencing 1 January 1982 be \$12.50.

STUCKEY/LITTLE

- (c) Hotel accommodation. The Secretary was asked to complain to the Waterloo Hotel about the standard of service at meal times (particularly breakfast).
- (d) Use of HMA funds. Mr Jones was asked to examine all the possible options with the view to minimising taxation of the HMA funds when taken over by the Association.
- (e) Life Membership. The Secretary was asked to prepare an updated list.
- (f) Youth Exchange. The Secretary was requested to make the initial approaches on this subject.
- (g) Mr Jim Waters of the Health Department attended the Meeting and outlined the courses available for Fumigation Control of wax moth and other pest eradication techniques.

CLOSURE:

The Meeting closed at 4.10 pm on 1 October 1981.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Meeting will be held in Wellington on 2 and 3 December 1981.

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Date



NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1981

21	D.J. Dobson	\$490.60	✓	Conference Expenses
22	Air New Zealand	300.00	✓	Bulkair Payment
23	I. Berry	627.50	✓	Conference Expenses
24	Agricultural Press Co.	1,223.12	✓	Printing June "Beekeeper", Postage
25	Pork Industry Council	36.85	✓	Mrs Norton, assistance with election and Conference papers
26	M.G. Stuckey	269.00	✓	Conference Expenses
27	W.A. Clissold	269.89	✓	Conference Expenses
28	A.D. Lorimer	221.00	✓	Delegate's Conference travel
29	B.R. Stanley	168.00	✓	Delegate's Conference travel
30	Cancelled			
31	P.W. Marshall	683.08	✓	Conference Expenses and toll account
32	Pork Industry Council	70.30	✓	Petrol vouchers, Conference travel D.J. Dobson
33	NZ Post Office	23.32	✓	Prepaid postage Election voting
34	NZ Post Office	10.00	✓	Registration renewal for journal
35	Agricultural Press Co.	658.00	✓	Editor's Conference expenses
36	S.J. Lyttle	704.03	✓	Conference expenses and Executive travel (Nelson, Marlborough & W. Coast)
37	T.C. Gavin	330.90	✓	Delegate's Conference travel, 1979 & 1981
38	G.R. Hantz	111.00	✓	Delegate's Conference travel
39	Air New Zealand	13.00	✓	Courierpak - Timaru
40	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1,639.10	✓	Editorial September "Beekeeper" Typesetting, postage
41	Pork Industry Council	3,321.60	✓	Fee, postage, stationery, tolls
42	Pork Industry Council	38.28	✓	Hive Levy collection expenses
43	P.W. Marshall	290.67	✓	Honorarium
44	W.A. Clissold	229.68	✓	Honorarium
45	Inland Revenue Department	279.65	✓	Tax on honoraria
46	Printcraft Ltd			Held, pending query of amount for postage September journal
47	Honey Marketing Authority	10,000.00	✓	Payment from Hive Levy account
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Boardroom, Level 14, Pastoral House, Wellington, on Wednesday 2 December 1981 commencing at 10 am.

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PRESENT: Mr W.A. Clissold (in the chair), and Messrs M. Stuckey, I. Berry, M. Cloake and S. Lyttle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr L.J. Jones, Secretary.

APOLOGY: Mr Marshall was unable to attend the meeting owing to the illness of his wife.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 30 SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER 1981:

The above Minutes had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the 30 September and 1 October 1981 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

LYTTLE/BERRY

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Page 3, Remit 22: Universal policy for beekeepers in relation to land classified as Rural A and D, granting them a predominant use entitlement.

Mr Jones reported that he had left this matter in the hands of Mr Dobson and would enquire of him the progress made to date.

Page 7: Branch capitation, Canterbury Branch.

This matter was discussed later on in the meeting.

Page 4: Sale of Honey Export Control Regulations 1971.

This matter was also carried over to a later stage in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: 4.1, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES:

(a) Inwards

Mr Grahame Walton replied to Mr Dobson's letter of 18 August.

1. Annual Declaration of hives inspection.

Mr Walton referred to the concern which was expressed by beekeepers in Northland in that they understood that there had been changes made to the Hive Declaration form but it did not appear that these changes were being implemented.

Mr Walton said that at the invitation of the NBA Chairman, he explained the situation as follows.

(a) To maintain accurate records of apiary locations, the Minister required an annual update or confirmation from the beekeeper as to his current registrations and the Annual Declaration of hive inspection provided the vehicle for this annual update. The Ministry could therefore not accept our Association's 1977 proposal that

apiary locations be limited to diseased apiaries only.

(b) For some beekeepers, particularly commercial beekeepers, the listing of all apiary locations was a time-consuming task. The Ministry therefore agreed in principle to supply beekeepers with a full list of their registered apiaries and not just a blank form.

(c) Through 1979/80, trials were conducted in some apiary districts to test alternative systems which could be adopted.

(d) To facilitate the introduction of the proposed new system, a change was required to the Apiaries Act 1969. This was passed with the Association's support in November 1980.

(e) Mr Walton indicated that it was intended to introduce the new system nationally with the issuing of the August 1981 statements of hive inspections.

Following this explanation, the Association's Far North Branch withdrew its 1981 remit.

Mr Walton had mentioned in October 1980 that the Apiaries Act Amendment was before Parliament and that the revised system for statements for hive inspections would be introduced to North Auckland in 1981. It appeared that Mr Haines, the main proponent of the remit, was well satisfied with this explanation at the time. The new statement of hive inspection was introduced to North Auckland in August 1981 and to other districts of New Zealand, except Canterbury, but obviously this was not early enough to forestall the Association's 1981 Conference remit.

Mr Walton went on to say that it had not been a straight forward task to switch from a blank sheet statement of hive inspection to one which presents for all 5,600 New Zealand beekeepers a listing of their 20,000 apiary locations. Now that this system has been introduced, Mr Walton asked that the system received the full support of the Association.

## 2. Advisory Officer at Palmerston North.

Mr Walton wrote that the retirement of Mr J.E. Rodie is at least three years away and it is much too early to give any assurance that a replacement appointment would be made at that location. Although Conference expressed concern that there may be a change in Ministry policy regarding the placement of an Advisory Officer in Palmerston North, Mr Walton wished to assure the Association that there is no present proposal to terminate the Palmerston North position on the retirement of Mr Rodie.

## 3. Staffing Survey.

Mr Walton wrote that although mention was apparently made in some Executive Minutes of the Association that the Ministry had agreed with the Executive to conduct an apicultural staffing survey, the Ministry had not been consulted nor had it agreed to any formal survey. Mr Walton wrote that he would be available to discuss this matter with the Executive Committee. Mr Walton's letter further went on to say that over recent years, the Ministry has received a number of requests from the Association for the appointment of additional staff at

various New Zealand locations. However, the limits on staffing in the Public Service is such that the appointment of additional full-time staff to service the beekeeping industry is unlikely and could only be made at the expense of servicing other agricultural sectors. In its recent annual reports to the Association, the Advisory Services Division has mentioned the utilisation of other Ministry staff to assist with apiary registration export certification and disease inspection and this has been a significant help. The Ministry has previously recommended to the Association the value of conducting a forward planning exercise to identify the future direction and major needs of the industry. It is only as the result of a clearly expressed industry growth plan that the Ministry could be in a position to give consideration to increasing the number of full-time advisors.

#### 4. Overseas exchanges for Ministry Officers.

The Association had requested that some formal type of exchange between New Zealand apiary staff and their overseas counterparts be arranged. Mr Walton said that a formal exchange scheme does exist between the Advisory Services Division and its counterparts in the United Kingdom and Canada. Three officers are selected annually, two to the United Kingdom and one to Canada. The year long exchange is normally open to all advisors. Mr T.G. Bryant, Apicultural Advisory Officer, Gore, was the Division's successful candidate in 1980 and he spent a year in Alberta. Other Apiary Officers have the opportunity to apply for future exchanges and would be selected on merit subject to a suitable apicultural position being available in the exchange country. The Association also commented that an exchange of research personnel would be an advantage. This matter was referred to the Apicultural Research Division for comment. In summary, the following points were expressed:

- (a) There are particular difficulties in exchanging Apicultural Research personnel, as Mr P.G. Clinch is the only scientist, long-term overseas exchanges are not practical.
- (b) The general benefit of contact with overseas scientists is stressed, particularly because of New Zealand's isolation and the fact that Mr Clinch works on his own.
- (c) It could be both practical and beneficial for the New Zealand apicultural scientist to be attached for a short term, no more than three months, to a research centre in the northern hemisphere during the New Zealand winter, and an overseas scientist to work with the Apiculture Section for this same length of time during the northern winter.
- (d) There are severe limitations of overseas travel funds. Research Division would be most interested if the National Beekeepers' Association would be prepared to fund a short-term winter exchange proposal.

#### 5. European Brood Disease.

The Association had requested on a number of occasions that European Brood Disease be placed in the First Schedule of the Apiaries Act. Mr Walton said that for the reasons explained to the Association by Mr R.L.G. Talbot, Undersecretary to the Minister of



Agriculture, at the Queenstown Conference, Government cannot agree to the Association's request.

6. Importation of Bees and Bee Products.

Mr Walton thanked the Association for its reaffirmation of the Ministry's policy of not importing bees and bee products in a form which places the industry at risk.

7. Importation of honey from Nuie and Tonga.

The Ministry is not prepared to ban the importation of honey without a justifiable reason which must be related to bee health. European Brood Disease is one serious Brood Disease of bees not present in New Zealand but which could be transmitted through honey. The Ministry will not allow the entry of unheated honey from any country where this disease exists. Nuie and Tonga are among those few countries where European Brood Disease has not been discovered. The Ministry would allow the entry of honey from these countries, subject to permit conditions being met.

4.1(b) Inwards: Grahame Walton - Programme for control of exotic bee diseases.

Mr Walton wrote that the major point which he had attempted to convey at the last Executive Meeting was that the Ministry's exotic bee disease control programme was designed to protect the industry but to be effective it required the support of the Association. During the time Mr Walton spent with the Executive it was his general understanding that the Executive supported, bar a few specific procedural points, the Ministry's approach to the control of exotic First and Second Schedule bee diseases. However, according to Mr Walton, it had seemed from the reading of the Minutes of 30 September/1 October 1981, Page 8, that the Association did not support and indeed expressed its concern at the Ministry's disease control programme.

The Executive discussed Mr Walton's comments and it transpired that some confusion had developed out of the situation where Mr Walton had attended the meeting for the purpose of having the disease control programme approved but the Executive's concern at that meeting was that European Brood Disease was not included in the First Schedule of the Apiaries Amendment Act, and therefore the two parties were to some extent talking at cross purposes.

It was resolved that in view of the fact that the Association had made repeated attempts to have European Brood Disease listed in the First Schedule and had failed, there was no other alternative than to accept Mr Walton's draft paper entitled "Programme for control of exotic bee diseases". The Executive accepts the disease control procedures put forward in Mr Walton's paper but still remain concerned that European Brood Disease is not listed in the First Schedule.

4.1(d) K.W. Simpson, Apicultural Advisory Officer,  
Venom therapy for desensitisation of allergic patients.

Mr Simpson wrote to the Association enclosing a letter from the University of Auckland about the availability of bee venom therapy for desensitisation of allergic

patients. The treatment has proved to be much more effective in desensitising patients than the whole bee extract at present generally available. Because of Health Department regulations, at the present time it is only possible to provide desensitisation at the Department of Medicine's Clinic in Auckland and at the clinic at Christchurch Hospital. Mr Simpson went on to say that obviously the Health Department must enforce safeguards but perhaps it could be pointed out to them that there are a large number of beekeepers' wives and children whose occasional challenge by a sting has brought about sensitivity. Many of these people do not live close to Auckland or Christchurch Hospitals and he further said that the Executive may wish to communicate the need for the best possible treatment to be made available to these people as soon as possible. It was possible that the Health Department did not know the extent of the demand for this treatment and did not regard its clearance as urgent.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Department of Health requesting that the venom therapy be made available to all hospitals in New Zealand and advising them that widespread use of the therapy could result in saving lives.

4.1(e): G.M. Walton: Appointment of an Apicultural Advisory Officer to Tauranga.

Mr Walton wrote to advise that Mr T.G. Bryant, presently Apicultural Advisory Officer, Gore, has been appointed to the Tauranga position made vacant by the recent retirement of Mr D.A. Briscoe. Mr Bryant will be taking up this appointment as soon as he can finalise his house selling arrangements and other personal matters. In the meantime, Mr D. Sawden, Field Office, Tauranga, will be handling day to day beekeeping matters and if necessary he can call on the assistance of an apicultural advisory officer.

Advertisements will be lodged in the next few weeks seeking applications for an apicultural advisory officer in Gore.

4.2(e): The Rt. Hon. Duncan MacIntyre, Minister of Agriculture: Hive Levy for 1982

Mr MacIntyre wrote referring to the Secretary's letter of 12 October concerning the fixing of the rate of Hive Levy for 1982 and the Association's request for payment relating to the disbursement of money to be collected by way of the Hive Levy in 1982, pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Hive Levy Act. Mr MacIntyre has approved of the fixing of the rate of Hive Levy for 1982 at 17.5 cents per hive. Mr MacIntyre had been advised that the NZ Honey Marketing Authority would not require any payment from the 1982 Hive Levy Account as any outstanding administrative expenses would be covered by the sale of its assets. Therefore pursuant to Section 9/6 of the Hive Levy Act, he thereby approved the payment of all money collected by way of the 1982 Hive Levy to the National Beekeepers' Association.

4.2(f): Mr Talbot, Parliamentary Undersecretary to the Minister of Agriculture: Sale of Honey Export Control Regulations 1971, and the Honey Marketing Regulations 1975.

Mr Talbot wrote that as the Export Control Regulations are no longer relevant and are acting as an unnecessary



irritant to exporters, he had instructed officials to proceed with their repeal. Regarding the Honey Marketing Authority regulations, it was his intention to revoke these once it had become clear that the transition from the HMA to the new Co-operative had been successfully completed and a consensus reached in the industry on the future of the HMA assets.

4.3(a): Mr Trevor Walton, 'New Zealand Beekeeper' publication contract 1982.

After full discussion, it was resolved that Mr Walton's quote for publication of the journal for 1982 be accepted.

STUCKEY/CLOAKE

4.4(a): Outwards Correspondence: Secretary to Branch Secretaries regarding Branch capitations.

Mr Cloake discussed the Canterbury Branch's feelings concerning the list of rules drawn up for the guidance of the Branches in managing their finances within budget constraints. He said that the Branch were not prepared to charge for field days and the Branch objected to the rule that no extra expenses above budget would be allowed.

The Executive discussed this situation and it was agreed that the rules were drawn up only as a guide to the Branches based on the experience of other Branches in controlling their expenditures, and that Canterbury Branch was not obliged to apply any one of the rules rigidly if it was found that it could make savings in other areas, but if the Branch wanted to be reimbursed for extra expenses, regard would be had by the Executive to the way in which their funds had been spent. The Branch was free to spend its funds in any way it saw fit but if expenditures above budget were incurred, the reimbursement of such expenditures would have to be approved by the Executive. It was agreed that the rule that no extra expenses above budget be allowed be modified to read "that no extra expenses above budget be allowed without consultation with the Executive".

It was also resolved that the Secretary write to Canterbury Branch explaining the situation to them fully. If the Branch could get its annual budget in earlier, it would be possible to make some arrangement for extraordinary expenses if the Executive deemed it necessary.

4.6(b): Secretary to Executive Committee: Meeting between NBA, HMA, MAF, NZ Honey Producers Co-operative Ltd, and Mr D. Kay, held in 11 November 1981 at Pastoral House.

Mr Jones reported that the trust fund concept put forward in the Kay report was discussed and the result of the discussion was that:

(a) The industry, and impliedly the NBA, had accepted the Kay Report in toto and therefore had accepted Mr Kay's recommendation that a trust fund be set up separately from the NBA.

(b) Trust fund income would be taxable at the rate of at least 45%.

(c) Mr Kay was to draw up a draft Trust Deed in non-legal language setting out the possible uses of the money in the fund, the composition of the Board of Trustees, the rules regulating the fund and so on.



It was felt at the meeting that about three Trustees would be necessary, none of whom would be members of the NBA Executive. The NBA would have the right to reappoint Trustees when their terms of office, yet to be decided, had expired, but the control of the fund would be in the hands of the Trustees and not the NBA.

The Executive discussed the above points and since Mr Kay had not yet drawn up any draft Trust Deed for the meeting to consider, it was not possible to make any decisions or firm recommendations on the matter, but the Secretary was directed to write to Mr M. Gould, of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, underlining the following points:

1. That whatever fund or mechanism was set up for handling the HMA funds, it should be done in such a way that no special interest group in the industry could use the fund for its own ends by becoming elected members of the Association, or by in any other way influencing the officers responsible for administering the fund.
2. It was also established that no-one on the present Executive Committee had the least intention of influencing the use of the fund in any way other than in that which would be acceptable to the industry as a whole, and further were fully aware of the need for proper financial management and executive responsibility in handling the fund.
3. It was further to be made clear that since the Association was the only organisation which could be said to represent the industry as a whole and therefore had responsibilities in the matter, there were also certain rights which it intended to exercise and these were as follows:
  - (a) Whatever deed or document was drawn up for perusal by the Association, it was to be regarded as an advisory document only and the Association reserves the right to propose amendments and changes of any kind should it be deemed necessary and reserves the right to determine how the fund monies should be used. The uses may be along the lines of the objects in the Association's Rules of Association, that is, a broad industry policy.
  - (b) The Association reserves the right to appoint the Trustees of the fund, two independent persons (not NBA Executives), one from the South Island and one from the North, and an independent Chairman yet to be decided. Mr Stuckey felt that the North Island representatives should appoint the North Island trustee and the South Island representatives appoint the South Island trustee. Mr Clissold said that there was no real objection to this but in the end the Association's Executive as a whole would have to approve the appointments, but it was not likely that the Executive would overturn the recommendations of the North and South Island representatives.
  - (c) The very structure and type of fund and how it should operate must be open to discussion with various alternatives deserving equal right of consideration before any one method is adopted. In this connection it was observed that since the fund would not be handling large sums of money on a permanent basis for at least five years and would not have complete use of the funds for ten years under the terms of the arrangements made between the HMA and the NZ Honey Producers' Co-operative, and since the possible uses of the fund needed careful and well-considered planning, there seems to be a case for

a possible transitional arrangement to be made in the first instance along the following suggested lines:

- (i) The funds be administered through a separate NBA bank account by the trustees mentioned above, the actual transactions to be accounted for by the present NBA secretarial staff (the Pork Industry Council).
- (ii) The NBA Executive execute a simple legal document guaranteeing the independence of the trustees in pursuing their duties.
- (iii) The fund to be operated by investing in short-term deposits with trustee security organisations. It must be remembered that the Co-operative will be able to pay of and re-borrow sums to the extent of \$600,000 for a period of five years and so short-term investments will need to be made to guarantee the supply of funds to the Co-operative. It was believed that for a period of at least five years the above arrangement would satisfy the general requirements of all parties without engaging in the unnecessary costs and formal restrictions of a Trust Deed with its setting-up costs, administration fees and so on. The Pork Industry Council staff had agreed that no extra charge above the normal administration fee will be made and they have the necessary professional expertise to handle the investments and transactions required.

4. The Trust Deed should have a limited period of effect, that is be reviewable at limited intervals of say five years, by the Executive so that it may be brought up to date and brought into line with current industry wishes.

5. The Association requires an indication of the setting-up costs and administration fees, including trustee fees, which the fund as envisaged by Mr Kay would incur.

6. The Association is keen to bring the whole situation to a mutually satisfying conclusion for all the parties concerned as soon as possible and would like to meet with Mr Gould and Mr Kay at the earliest opportunity to finalise the necessary arrangements.

7. Although the NBA Executive accept in principle and appreciate the value of the Kay report, it does not necessarily accept that every clause of it is exempt from open discussion and possible modification if necessary.

4.7(e): Mr J.M. McNeice for the Comptroller of Customs regarding importation of honey into New Zealand.

Mr McNeice wrote to say that the Act prohibits the importation, except with the prior permission of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, any bees, bee products or any appliance which has been used in connection with beekeeping. All shipments are therefore referred to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

Regarding the Association's request that honey be included in the customs guide to travellers to New Zealand, Mr McNeice was making the necessary arrangements to have this done when the leaflet is next printed.

4.7(k): Alwyn Moores for the Secretary of Trade & Industry, Department of Trade & Industry: Queen Bees included as qualifying item within the Export Performance Taxation Incentive (EPTI):

Mr Moores reiterated comments made by the Minister of Overseas Trade in a letter to a member of the Association last year. The main objective of both EPTI and the earlier Performance Related Incentive Scheme, the increased exports taxation incentive, is to encourage increased exports of manufactured and processed goods. Live animals insects and other creatures as well as unprocessed primary products have therefore been generally excluded from the schemes since their inception. The Minister also noted that without major changes to the concepts, policy and financial provisions of the scheme, exceptions to the present limitations would not be possible. While the Department recognised the valuable contribution which the industry is making to both local industry and to the balance of payments, he regretted to have to inform the Association that the export of queen bees does not fit within the scope of the EPTI.

4.7(m): Mr P.A. Anderson, Manager of the Bank of New Zealand: Banking overdraft accommodation.

Mr Anderson wrote that he confirmed his earlier advice concerning the availability of bank overdraft accommodation during January 1982 for the Association should it be required. The overdraft accommodation will be subject to normal banking terms and conditions, an interest rate of 14.5% is to be charged and should the currency of the advance exceed 15 days, a service commitment fee of \$7.50 would be levied.

4.7(n): Chief Accountant of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand: New Zealand Government Savings Stock.

A letter had been received acknowledging receipt of the Association's letter of 19 November requesting repayment of Government Savings Stock registered in the name of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc. The letter stated that the Association would have to affix its seal in accordance with the Rules of its Association before the Stock would be redeemed. This was formally completed by Messrs Clissold and Berry.

The repayment of the Stock (\$11,000) would be effected on 20 December.

## 5. Accounts

### 5.1 Cheques drawn for approval to 31 October 1981.

After an examination of the list of payments made, it was resolved that the payments made amounting to \$5,115.7 and represented by cheque numbers 402748 - 402651 be approved.

LYTTLE/CLOAKE

### 5.2 Income & Expenditure Account for 10 months ended 31 October 1981

It was reported that a deficiency of \$6,356 had been incurred for the period, compared with \$4,576 for the corresponding period last year.



5.3: Projected Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 December 1982:

The projected deficiency for the period ending 31 December 1981 was \$6,330. The surplus projected for the year ending 31 December 1982 was \$1,983.

6. HMA Meeting with Executive Committee:

Since Mr Kay had not yet presented his draft Trust Deed for the management of the HMA funds, the HMA Board felt that it was unnecessary to attend the Executive Committee Meeting.

7. Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Meeting with Executive Committee:

For the same reasons as those given in 6. above, it was felt unnecessary for Mr Gould to attend the Executive Committee Meeting.

8. Other Business:

8.1 List of Life Members.

This list was presented to the Committee and a number of modifications were made.

8.2 Apiary Advisory Committee.

The Secretary was directed to write to Mr Grahame Walton of MAF, suggesting that the Ministry appoint Mr Mike Stuckey in replacement of Mr Paul Marshall on the Apiary Advisory Committee.

8.3 Tertiary Education.

Messrs Berry and Clissold reported on the meeting held the day before with Mr Hardy of the NZ Technical Correspondence Institute and Mr Grahame Walton of MAF. Mr Hardy pointed out that an application would have to be made to the Director of Continuing Education, Department of Education, to have the course approved.

The Sub-Committee arrived at 16 sub-headings for possible inclusion in a two-year beekeeping course. These sub-headings would represent one assignment so that in total there would be 18 assignments, each containing approximately 30 pages. Mr Hardy reported that it would take him, provided that the course was accepted, up to 18 months to complete preparations for the course. At this stage it was envisaged that the Institute would not hold examinations for persons taking the course but would issue a certificate stating that the students had completed the course at the end of their studies.

The Executive Committee discussed these assignments and broke the material up into small groups so that each Executive Committee member would be able to study the headings and suggest a further series of sub-headings for each assignment. The material would then be forwarded to the Secretary from each Committee member and the Secretary would co-ordinate this material and refer it back to the Executive Committee for it to put the finishing touches to the list. It was hoped that the Committee would be in a position to meet with the Education Department the day after the March 1982

Executive Committee Meeting.

8.4: Rural Bank: Hives as security for loans.

Mr Steve Lyttle reported to the Meeting that he had made progress in the preparation of his paper to be presented to the Rural Bank. He said that his report would be ready early in the New Year.

8.5: Shares in the NZ Honey Producers' Co-operative.

The Secretary was directed to send out a notice to all Hive Levy payers advising that applications close for shares in the Co-operative on the 31 December 1981. It was agreed that the cost of circularising the Levy payers would be borne by the Association.

8.6: Federated Farmers.

The Secretary was directed to write to Federated Farmers advising them that Mr Tony Clissold is now the President of the Association and asking them to forward all correspondence to him instead of Mr Stuckey.

CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm on 2 December 1981.

DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING:

The next meeting will be held in Wellington on  
31 March 1982.

..... *Wa Clissold* .....  
Signed

..... *31-3-82* .....  
Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1981

102748	P.W. Marshall	\$7.36 ✓	Travel costs
749	Secretary, N.Otago Branch	23.60 ✓	Delegate's Conference travel
750	Endeavour Travel	7.85 ✓	Mr Lyttle, Newman's coach fa
751	Waterloo Hotel	419.26 ✓	Meeting accommodation
752	Pork Industry Council	38.68 ✓	Tolls re hive levy payments
753	Air New Zealand	800.00 ✓	Bulkair deposit
754	Secretary, S.W.D. Branch	271.00 ✓	Capitation
755	Secretary, Canterbury "	211.00 ✓	"
756	Secretary, Southland "	171.00 ✓	"
757	Secretary, Poverty Bay"	91.00 ✓	"
758	M. Cloake	235.00 ✓	Conference expenses
759	Pork Industry Council	78.73 ✓	Tolls and telegrams
760	AM International	29.25 ✓	Addressograph plates
02641	Agricultural Press Co.	1905.00 ✓	September "Beekeeper"
642	Secretary, Nelson Branch	171.00 ✓	Delegate's Conference travel
643	Agricultural Press Co.	76.66 ✓	Postage, tolls
644	Valuation Department	8.00 ✓	Research paper
645	Secretary Far North Branch	204.35 ✓	Delegate's Conference travel
646	D. Briscoe	30.00 ✓	Journal contributor payment
647	A. Matheson	35.00 ✓	" " "
648	M. Reid	20.00 ✓	" " "
649	N. Wallingford	20.00 ✓	" " "
650	A. Warren	12.00 ✓	" " "
651	P. Gerard	250.00 ✓	Research grant

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